



## Weekly News

### Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to:  
<http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

### Tremont Library Events

#### CASA Volunteer Informative Meeting

CASA is looking for volunteer advocates to answer the call and speak up for an abused and/or neglected child. There is a critical shortage of volunteers to serve the nearly 1,800 children involved with the child welfare system in Peoria, Tazewell, Stark, Marshall, and Putnam counties. Following a pre-service training, volunteers need only commit to at least 5 hours a month on their own schedule. CASA volunteers are officers of the court and monitor the progress of a child's case by speaking up for the best interests of the child. Learn more how you can change a child's story and break the cycle.

Please come to an information meeting regarding our advocacy program on Thursday, January 16th, from 5:30 – 6:30PM at the Tremont District Library or visit [www.casaofthetenth.org](http://www.casaofthetenth.org), call 309-669-2939, or email [casa@peoriacounty.org](mailto:casa@peoriacounty.org).

#### Winter Story Hour (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15AM: January 15, 22, & 29  
Thursdays, 10:30-11:15AM: January 16, 23, & 30

Come to the library for stories, songs, and crafts! Story Hour is designed to develop your preschooler's literacy and social skills in a warm, welcoming environment. Registration is required. Choose Wednesdays or Thursdays.

For more info or to register, call 925-5432 or email [tremontlibrary.storytime@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.storytime@gmail.com)

#### Gallery 215

2nd and 4th Mondays, January 13-May 11, 3:15-5:30PM  
Grades 5-12

A twice-monthly "open-studio" time for young artists. Learn new techniques and materials, or just work on your own project in the company of other artists. No registration required.

For more information about this program, call the library at 925-5432, or email [tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com](mailto:tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com)

### Tremont Band Performs in the Outback Bowl

The Tremont Band just finished a successful trip to perform in the Outback Bowl Parade and Halftime Shows in Tampa, Florida on January 1st. The band members were given the opportunity to perform on a national stage, as a part of a halftime show that included 1300 musicians and dancers! The

opportunity was an invaluable addition to their high school experience. The students worked hard preparing music and fundraising to make the trip a success.

The THS Band would like to thank all of the community members that supported us through encouraging words as well as participating in multiple fundraisers. This outstanding opportunity would not have been possible without the support of our district.



## Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, February 6, 2020. All children ages 0-5 living in District #702 are eligible. This is not a Turk Center or Kindergarten Screening. The purpose is to screen developmental levels in motor skills, general knowledge, social skills and speech/language skills in order to assess the need for special education services. Further evaluation may be recommended. If you have concerns in the areas listed or would like reassurance that your child is progressing well, you can call and make an appointment.

Please [click here](#) for additional information.

## The Gift of Giving

Every year on December 25 and all around the world, Christmas is celebrated for all those good and jolly. For those who are good, the reward can be big or small, but for some the holiday means giving more to those they love.

Last December, the Tremont Mass Communication class sent out a survey to both the school and the Tremont community to collect information on Christmas shopping of 2019. With a new year upon us, let's take a moment to reflect on last year.

So buying gifts ahead of time isn't easy and in many cases can be hard. According to the survey, 39% buy their gifts a month before they are given. Good job to those who buy way ahead of time.

Asking others what they want for Christmas ahead of time can be very helpful, but a pain when they say, "I don't want anything." So what do we buy them? Food, yes that's right, about 31% of the community will buy food such as candy canes, cookies, and gingerbread houses for loved ones.

But how much do we spend on average? Most people spent around \$100 to \$500, and not including taxes, on a Christmas gift.

While picking out the right gift is important, how people shop is split between online shopping and visiting shops. According to the survey, about 44% prefer to shop online, and the remaining 56% prefer to go to the store.

The five most popular places to shop are as follows: Amazon, Walmart, Target, Bass Pro Shops, and Tremont's local market. Voters picked Amazon as their top shop to purchase gifts from.

Ending the season with the perfect present is important for some people, but watching how much you splurge on others is crucial in paying the bills. For now, just know that having fun and enjoying time with family can quite possibly be the best part of the holiday season.

-John Love/ Mass Communications

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## Monday

HS Girls Basketball @ LeRoy – 5:30PM

MS Boys Basketball home vs Metamora Grade - 5:30PM

MS Wrestling @ Downs vs Lincoln, Tri-Valley and LeRoy/Downs - 6:00PM

## Tuesday

MS Volleyball home vs St. Thomas - 4:15PM

HS Boys Swimming Co-op home (Pekin) vs Metamora - 4:30PM

HS Boys Basketball @ LeRoy – 5:30PM

HS Wrestling @ Prairie Central (Upper Elementary School) - 5:30PM

## Thursday

MS Volleyball home vs Eureka - 4:15PM

HS Scholastic Bowl @ LeRoy vs Dee-Mack and LeRoy - 4:30PM

HS Girls Basketball @ Mackinaw – 5:30PM

MS Boys Basketball home vs Midwest Central - 5:30PM

HS Boys Swimming Co-op @ Augustana College vs Rock Island HS - 6:00PM

## Friday

HS Boys Basketball @ Mackinaw – 5:30PM

## Saturday

HS Freshman Boys Basketball @ Eureka (Fresh Invite) - 9:00AM

MS Wrestling @ Erie (Erie Tourney) - 9:00AM

HS Wrestling @ Leroy (F/S Invite) - 9:30AM

HS Boys Swimming @ IA Invitational (Burlington) - 10:00AM

HS Girls Basketball HOI Tourney @ EPG vs EPG - 11:00AM

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## Around Town



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Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

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Thank you,

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